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	Art Unit	3632	
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

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#### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25

Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
200	100
360	180

**Total Claims** **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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**Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**

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In re Application

Inventors: Bontrager, et al.

Appl. No.: 10/717,110

Confirm. No.: 7308

Filed: November 19, 2003

Title: MODIFIED SPRING SYSTEM END CAP FOR  
PACKAGING FRAGILE ARTICLES WITHIN  
SHIPPING CARTONS

PATENT APPLICATION

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**Amendments**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: